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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON CYPRUS

1. SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 6 WAS CANCELLED IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY SPEAKERS AS WELL AS ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF PANAMA. (ENTIRE PANAMANIAN DELEGATION WAS IN WASHINGTON.) COUNCIL PRESIDENT DECIDED TO POSTPONE FURTHER MEETINGS UNTIL THURSDAY TO PERMIT MORE PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS AND THE RETURN OF THE PANAMANIAN.

2. COUNCIL PRESIDENT HELD PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS THROUGHOUT TUESDAY. HE SUMMED UP THE RESULTS WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PAKISTAN, LIBYA AND THE US, WERE EITHER IN FAVOR OF OR NEUTRAL TOWARD THE IDEA OF A RESOLUTION.

3. NONALIGNED ARE BACK IN THE RESOLUTION-WRITING BUSINESS. INDIAN AMBASSADOR JAIPAL TUESDAY MORNING CALLED
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CANADIAN AMBASSADOR BARTON (WHO ON FRIDAY HAD BEEN DELEGATED BY THE WESTERN FIVE TO TALK WITH JAIPAL) TO SUGGEST THEY WORK TOGETHER TO MELD THE NONALIGNED AND WESTERN DRAFTS. WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT VON WECHMAR (FRG), BARTON ACCEPTED THE OFFER. AFTER RECEIVING BARTON-JAIPAL DRAFT, WESTERN FIVE MET AND MADE EXTENSIVE RE-

VISIONS, WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ACCEPTED BY JAIPAL. INITIAL CYPRIOT REACTION TO THIS TEXT WAS QUITE NEGATIVE, BUT IT NOW APPEARS TO BE SERVING AS THE BASIS FOR A NEW SERIES OF PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS CONDUCTED BY VON WECHMAR TODAY (WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7).

4. IN WESTERN FIVE CAUCUS TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AMBASSADOR LEONARD URGED HIS COLLEAGUES TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND ON THE QUESTION OF A RESOLUTION OR A STATEMENT. THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID, FEARED THAT THE TURKS WERE MORE LIKELY THAN THE GREEKS TO CARRY OUT THEIR THREATS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. WE WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT MAINTAINING OUR ACCESS TO BOTH SIDES. AT THIS POINT, LEONARD SAID, HE HAD NO GUIDANCE WHICH WOULD PERMIT HIM TO GO ALONG WITH A RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, LEONARD STRESSED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE WE PLACE IN MAINTAINING THE UNITY OF THE WESTERN FIVE AND THAT ACCORDINGLY WE WOULD BREAK RANKS ONLY WITH GREAT RELUCTANCE. OTHER WESTERN AMBASSADORS ARE LEANING STRONGLY TOWARD A RESOLUTION ON THE PRACTICAL GROUNDS THAT A CONSENSUS SEEMS UNLIKELY TO EMERGE WHICH WOULD PERMIT A STATEMENT. THE FIVE HAVE AGREED THAT, AT PRESENT, OUR EFFORTS SHOULD BE AIMED AT PRODUCING A DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH CONTAINS AS FEW AS POSSIBLE OBJECTIONABLE ELEMENTS
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FROM THE TURKISH POINT OF VIEW.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE LITTLE HOPE AT THIS POINT THAT A RESOLUTION CAN BE AVOIDED. NONETHELESS, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT THE FIVE, AND PARTICULARLY THE US, BE CLEARLY SEEN TO BE SENSITIVE TO TURKISH CONCERNS AND ACTIVELY WORKING TO PRODUCE AN OUTCOME WHICH WILL PERMIT THE TURKS TO STAY ENGAGED IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.
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